

Keermont

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Keermont Terrasse 2016

Varietals: 39% Chenin Blanc; 34% Sauvignon Blanc; 14% Viognier; 13% Chardonnay

The KEERMONT TERRASSE white blend derives its name from the terraced vineyards on Keermont. The backbone of this blend is Chenin Blanc from a 46 year old un-irrigated vineyard called 'Riverside' and this is complimented by Chenin from two younger vineyards and varying fractions of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier.

All grapes used in producing our wines are grown on Keermont Vineyards. Most of the vineyard parcels grow on deep red clay rich soil derived from sandstone and granite and are surrounded by indigenous vegetation. They lie between 250 and 400 meters above sea level in the valley between the Stellenbosch and Helderberg mountain ranges and have a variety of aspects from North East to West facing.

Small batches of grapes are specifically selected according to ripeness, harvested by hand and vinified separately. White wines are fermented by indigenous yeast in seasoned French oak barrels and then spend a further 12 months maturing on the lees. Bottling is carried out by hand without filtration. 13 616 bottles produced.

Tasting note: A polished light yellow gold colour, this wine has a bouquet driven by vanilla and butterscotch with undertones of peach and cut grass. Upfront fruit flavours of peach and apricot are complimented by hints of spice and green pepper as well as a touch of oak. The palate has a crunchy apple acidity which holds the wine together into a long succulent dry finish. Drink 2018-2027.

Previous release accolades:

TERRASSE 2015: 95 pts Cape White Blend Report - Wine Magazine 2017, 93 pts TIM ATKIN (MW), 4 stars PLATTER GUIDE, 92 pts WINE SPECTATOR ,93 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)
TERRASSE 2014: 94 pts TIM ATKIN (MW); 90 pts WINE SPECTATOR ; 4½ stars PLATTER GUIDE 2016; 93 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)
TERRASSE 2013: British Airways First Class; Jancis Robinson – 17 pts; Tim Atkin (MW) – 94 pts; Neal Martin (Robert Parker's Wine Advocate) – 89 pts
TERRASSE 2012: 90pts Neal Martin (Wine Advocate); Jancis Robinson's Wine of the Week (20 Sept 2013) 17/20 ; British Airways First Class
TERRASSE 2011: 93pts Neal Martin (Wine Advocate); 92+pts International Wine Review; 92pts Peter Moser (Falstaff)
TERRASSE 2010: 91pts Neal Martin (Wine Advocate); 18/20 Christian Eedes
TERRASSE 2009: 90pts Peter Moser (Falstaff); 4 stars Platter Wine Guide

Vintage report:

The 2016 vintage started with a very moderate winter with below average rainfall. Spring came early and was also relatively warm and dry and we started to irrigate earlier than usual. The weather continued to warm up towards Christmas and we experienced average maximum temperatures of 30°C and 35°C for December and January respectively! Fortunately, we had some rain during December which pepped the vines up leading into the critical 'Veraison' period over Christmas and into January. This is when the berries change colour and begin to ripen and is a high water-demand period. The tough growing conditions took their toll on our Chenin Blanc vineyards in particular. This resulted in a low yield and therefore a lower percentage in the Terrasse blend than usual. With all the hot, dry weather the grapes ripened quickly and we started picking earlier than ever before on 19 January. We had a crazy month of harvesting where we processed 78 tons of grapes from the farm including 11 different varieties. Harvest ended as quickly as it had begun and by 19 February we had picked all of the grapes for Keermont wines of 2016.

Analysis:

WINE	Alc %	pH	TA g/L	RS g/L	TSO ₂ mg/L	VA g/L
Terrasse 2016	13.44	3.43	5.3	1.8	86	0.61

Block	Variety	Planted	Yield ton/Ha	Percentage of blend
Riverside	Chenin blanc	1971	1.0 ton/Ha	11%
Low Road	Chenin blanc	2007	3.5 ton/Ha	16%
Bobbejaan	Chenin blanc	2009	3.4 ton/Ha	12%
Uitkyk	Sauvignon blanc	1988	3.8 ton/Ha	20%
Low Road	Sauvignon blanc	2005	5.2 ton/Ha	14%
Low Road	Chardonnay	2007	6.6 ton/Ha	11%
Die Terrasse	Chardonnay	2009	0.6 ton/Ha	2%
Cottage Lane	Viognier	2006	11 ton/Ha	14%

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